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ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS:

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15. A method of producing a vinyl pool cover from a continuous web of vinyl comprising:

- (a) unrolling said web from a roll of vinyl unto a rotating cylindrical cutting surface;
- (b) cutting through said web with cutting means while said web is supported by said rotating cylindrical cutting surface during rotation of said cylindrical cutting surface so as to provide segments of said pool cover;
- (c) unloading said segments of said pool cover;
- (d) securing said segments of said pool cover together so as to produce said pool cover.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein said segments are overlapped and fused so as to produce said pool cover.

17. A method as claimed in claim 15 wherein said cutting step includes selectively:

- (i) cutting through said web to produce a desired shape of segment of said pool cover;
- (ii) disengaging said cutting step.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17 wherein said cutting step is selectively controlled by computer means.

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19. A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein said cutting step comprises of a plurality of cutting heads selectively activated by said computer means so as to produce said desired shape of segments of said pool cover.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said rotating cylindrical cutting surface includes the application of vacuum means when said web is in rolling contact with said rotating cylindrical cutting surface.

Kindly note that the claims have been amended so as to focus on:

- (a) cutting the material or web while the material is in rolling contact on the cylindrical cutting surface during rotation of said cylindrical surface;
- (b) the material is cut through;
- (c) cutting the material or web while said material or web is supported by said rotating cylindrical cutting surface.

ELECTION

Applicant acknowledges applicant's election without traverse of group 1, namely claims 1-7 without prejudice in pursuing the other claims at a later date.

SPECIFICATION

Examiner requested another abstract. Kindly delete the abstract presently on file and include the following, namely:

A method of cutting pattern pieces from a continuous roll of material comprising the steps of unrolling said material unto a rotating cylindrical cutting surface, and then cutting said material while said material is in rolling contact on said cylindrical surface during rotation of said cylindrical surface. Furthermore this invention describes a method and apparatus for producing vinyl pool covers.